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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.

This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of _____ sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I Basis of the report
- II Priority
- III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain documents cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
- VIII Certain observations on the international application

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I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

- the international application as originally filed
 the description:

pages _____ 1-7 _____, as originally filed
 pages _____ _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

- the claims:

pages _____ 1-5 _____, as originally filed
 pages _____ _____, as amended (together with any statement under Article 19)
 pages _____ _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

- the drawings:

pages _____ 1/7-7/7 _____, as originally filed
 pages _____ _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____
 the sequence listing part of the description:
 pages _____ _____, as originally filed
 pages _____ _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language _____ which is:

- the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
 the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
 the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- contained in the international application in written form.
 filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
 furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
 furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
 The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
 The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- the description, pages _____
 the claims, Nos. _____
 the drawings, sheets/fig _____

5. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rule 70.16 and 70.17).

** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1 - 5	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1 - 5	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1 - 5	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

1. Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: DE 198 35 110 A (SCHLOEMANN SIEMAG AG) 10 February 2000 (2000-02-10)

D2: DE 44 42 567 A (SCHLOEMANN SIEMAG AG) 5 June 1996 (1996-06-05)

D3: PATENT ABSTRACTS OF JAPAN Vol. 1995, No. 01, 28 February 1995 (1995-02-28) & JP 06 285711 A (CHUGAI RO CO LTD) 11 October 1994 (1994-10-11)

D4: US-A-2 268 125 (MARTIN GEORGE A ET AL) 30 December 1941 (1941-12-30)

D5: DE 198 56 767 A (MANNESMANN AG) 31 May 2000 (2000-05-31)

2. The subject matter of claims 1-5 satisfies the requirements of PCT Article 33(2), (3) and (4).

Claim 1:

Document D1, which is considered the closest prior art, discloses (see column 2, line 8 to column 3, line 57 and figures 1-3) a device for diverting strips, particularly metallic strips in a coiling device according to the preamble of claim 1.

Furthermore, document D1 discloses a deflector 10 that is arranged in a flexible manner at the downstream end of a strip transport roller conveyor that is associated with it such that said deflector unblocks the initial guide channel 5 when in the raised position and such that both the deflector 10 and the guide platform are each associated with an actuating organ, e.g. a hydraulic unit.

However, neither document D1 nor any of the other documents cited in the search report or in the description discloses that the deflector is convex on its upper and lower sides and that the guide platform is concave in order to fit with the lower side of the deflector.

Document D1 discloses merely a straight shape for the deflector and guide platform. The same applies to documents D2 to D4. In document D5, only the deflector has a concave shape while the guide platform has a straight surface.

The advantage of the convex deflector shape lies particularly in the fact that, in the raised position, the deflector can press tightly against the upper conveyor roller in the manner of a scraper while the concave surface shape of the guide platform allows it to abut the deflector in a form-fitting and stabilizing manner so that there is a lower risk of a tear in the strip throughout the device as a whole.

Accordingly, the subject matter of claim 1 satisfies the requirements of PCT Article 33(2) and (3).

Claims 2-5:

Dependent claims 2-5 relate merely to particular embodiments of the invention which, on the basis of the aforementioned independent claim 1, likewise fulfill the above criteria.

Since the invention can be made and used in industry, it also satisfies the requirements of PCT Article 33(4).

Further Defects in the International Application

Contrary to PCT Rule 5.1(a)(ii), the description does not cite document D1 or indicate the relevant prior art disclosed therein.